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SUBJECT: VISIT OF IRANIAN EXPERTS TO US TO STUDY EARTH-QUAKE RESEARCH UNDER JOINT COOPERATION COMMISSION ON SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION

REF: TEHRAN 5621 AND 5398; STATE 146432 AND 34222

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SUMMARY. IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER USG AGENCIES NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION HAS COMPILED LIST OF U.S. CENTERS SUITABLE FOR VISITS OF TEAM OF IRANIAN EXPERTS IN SEISMIC STUDIES. THIS RESPONDS TO DR. BAHMAN PARSA'S REQUEST TEHRAN 5398.

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COSTS HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED FOR WITHIN USA TRAVEL, PER DIEM, SCIENTIFICALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ESCORT, CONTRACTOR FOR ARRANGING TRAVEL DETAILS, AND USG AGENCY COSTS. NSF URGENTLY NEEDS (1) NAMES AND BIODATA OF MEMBERS, (2) PRO-

POSED DURATION OF VISITS, (3) TENTATIVE ETA, AND (4) AGREEMENT REGARDING COSTS. END OF SUMMARY.

I. PROGRAM. TOUR WOULD BEGIN WITH BRIEFING IN WASH. D.C.. BY NSF, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS), OTHER APPROPRIATE

AGENCIES. TWO DAY VISIT TO USGS OFFICE OF EARTHQUAKE RESEARCH IN WASHINGTON AREA SUGGESTED FOR OVERVIEW OF ONGOING AND PLANNED STUDIES. DEBRIEFING CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON AFTER TOUR TO ASSESS ALTERNATIVES RECOMMENDED. STOPS WOULD BE SELECTED FROM FOLLOWING LIST OF CENTERS, NOT YET CONTACTED.

- 1. NATIONAL CENTER FOR EARTHQUAKE RESEARCH MENLO PAR, CA. (1 WEEK)
- 2. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER BERKELEY, CA. (2 DAYS. MAJOR EARTHQUAKE SIMULATOR FOR ENGINEERING TESTING; SEISMOLOGY AND EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION)
- 3. USGS SAN FRANCISCO, CA (2 DAYS. STRONG MOTION STUDIES)
- 4. CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING RESEARCH LABORATORY PASADENA, CA. (2 DAYS. ENGINEERING SEISMOLOGY; EARTHQUAKE PREDIC-TION)
- 5. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES (1 - 2 DAYS. SEISMOLOGY AND EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION)
- 6. ALBUQUERQUE SEISMOLOGICAL LABORATORY, USGS UNCLASSIFIED

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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO (2 DAYS. HARDWARE DEVELOPMENT)

7. USGS GOLDEN, CO. (2 DAYS. SEISMICITY AND RISK ANALYSES)

8. CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING RESEARCH LABORATORY U.S. CORP OF ENGINEERS URBANA, IL.

(2 DAYS. SHAKE TABLE WITH EXTENDED FREQUENCY RANGE)

9. LAMONT-DOHERTY GEOLOGICAL OBSERVATORY

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

PALISADES, NY

(1-2 DAYS. SEISMOLOGY AND EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION)

10. MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY CAMBRIDGE, MA

(1-2 DAYS. SEISMOLOGY AND EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION)

- II. ESTIMATE OF COSTS FOR SEISMIC STUDIES TEAM.
- 1. JET ECONOMY AIR FARE WITHIN USA, \$730 PER PERSON, IF ALL CENTERS INCLUDED IN GEOGRAPHICAL ORDER AS LISTED.
- 2. GROUND TRANSPORTATION, AIRPORT TO LABORATORY, ROUGHLY ESTIMATED AT \$300 PER PERSON FOR ALL STOPS. EXACT COST WILL DEPEND ON NUMBER AND RANK OF VISITORS.
- 3. ESCORT. NSF STRONGLY RECOMMENDS HIRING FULL TIME U.S. ESCORT WITH KNOWLEDGE OF SEISMIC STUDIES. NSF WILL NEGOTIATE FOR SERVICES OF AN ESCORT IF GOI APPROVES. SALARY ESTIMATED AT \$2,200 PER MONTH, PLUS TRANSPORTATION AND SUBSISTENCE.
- 4. SUBSISTENCE. \$50 PER PERSON PER DAY, INCLUDING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND INCIDENTAL COSTS.
- 5. TRAVEL AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED WITH CONTRACTOR FOR THESE ARRANGEMENTS AT NO UNCLASSIFIED

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COST IF TICKETS PURCHASED THROUGH CONTRACTOR AT REGULAR RATES.

- 6. USG AGENCY COSTS. APPROXIMATELY \$8,000 FOR PLANNING, BRIEFING, DEBRIEFING, AND MANAGEMENT.
- III. VISITING TEAM, TENTATIVE ETA, DURATION OF TOUR, AND ITINERARY. NSF URGENTLY NEEDS FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
- 1. NUMBER AND BIODATA OF TEAM MEMBERS.
- 2. TENTATIVE ETA ESSENTIAL FOR ARRANGING ITINERARY.
- 3. GOI APPROVAL OF CENTERS SELECTED FOR TOUR. MOST CENTERS WILL NOT BE CONTACTED UNTIL GOI APPROVAL RECEIVED.
- 4. DURATION OF TOUR. NSF PERCEIVES 4 TO 6 WEEKS.
- IV. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS SAME AS IN REFTEL STATE 146432.
- V. ACTION

- 1. EMBASSY PLEASE CONVEY THIS MESSAGE ASAP TO DR. PARSA. REPLY NEEDED EARLIEST TO PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS.
- 2. ADDITIONAL MESSAGES WILL FOLLOW ON EDUCATION, RADIO ASTRONOMY AND REMOTE SENSING TOURS. KISSINGER

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